

WMS 2024 Summary Programme

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Monday 7th October 2024

08:30-19:00 **Pre-Congress Teaching Course** 📍 Congress Venue, Club D+E (separate registration required)

Tuesday 8th October 2024

08:00-11:00 **Pre-Congress Teaching Course** 📍 Congress Venue, Club D+E (separate registration required)

11:00-16:00 **WMS Executive Board Meeting** 📍 South Boardroom 1

14:30-18:00 **Registration, exhibitor highlight welcome refreshments and poster set up**
📍 Congress Venue, Second Floor Foyers

16:30-17:30 **Industry Symposium 1** 📍 South Hall 1

Industry Symposium 2 📍 South Hall 2

18:00-18:45 **Opening Ceremony** 📍 Congress Hall (separate registration required)
Moderators:

18:45-21:00 **Networking Reception** 📍 Congress Venue, Panorama Hall and Zoom Room, First Floor
(separate registration required)

Wednesday 9th October 2024

06:30-19:30 **Registration desk open**

07:45-08:45 **Industry Symposium 3** 📍 South Hall 1

Industry Symposium 4 📍 South Hall 2

09:00-09:15 **Congress Welcome - Message from the President** 📍 Congress Hall

09:15-10:45 **Topic 1: Acquired muscle disorders**

📍 Congress Hall

Moderators:

09:15-09:45 INV01 Acquired muscle disorders:
Introduction to CART cells and Tregs
Armando Villalta, University of California, Irvine, United States of America

09:45-10:15 INV02 Current and prospective
uses of CAR and CAAR T-cell therapies in
muscle disorders
Tahseen Mozaffar, University of California, Irvine, United States of America

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10:45-11:15 **Morning refreshments, exhibition and posters** 📍 Congress Hall Foyer, Forum Hall and Forum Foyer

11:15-13:15	Topic 1: Acquired muscle disorders 📍 Congress Hall <i>Moderators:</i> 11:15-11:45 INV03 Introduction to the topic, current state of field, new insights and mechanisms <i>Jiří Vencovský, Charles University, Czechia</i> 11:45-12:15 INV04 Acquired muscle disorders - a paediatric perspective <i>Sithara Ramdas, Oxford Children's Hospital, United Kingdom</i> 12:15-12:30 O 12:30-12:45 O 12:45-13:00 O 13:00-13:15 O		
13:15-14:30	Lunch, exhibition and posters 📍 Congress Hall Foyer, Forum Hall and Forum Foyer		
13:15-14:30	Meet the Expert Lunch 📍 Zoom Room, 1st Floor (separate registration required)		
14:30-15:30	Poster session 1 📍 Forum Hall		
15:30-16:00	Short Oral Presentations 1 📍 North Hall	Short Oral Presentations 2 📍 Terrace 2A	Short Oral Presentations 3 📍 Terrace 2B
16:15-17:00	Debate: Can the costs of gene therapies in neuromuscular disorders be justified? 📍 Congress Hall <i>Moderators:</i> INV14 <i>Olga Germanenko, SMA Family Foundation, Russia</i> INV15 <i>Josie Godfrey, JG Zebra Consulting, United Kingdom</i>		
17:15-18:15	Poster session 2 📍 Forum Hall		
18:15-18:45	Short Oral Presentations 4 📍 North Hall	Short Oral Presentations 5 📍 Terrace 2A	Short Oral Presentations 6 📍 Terrace 2B
19:00-20:00	Industry Symposium 5 📍 South Hall 1		Industry Symposium 6 📍 South Hall 2

Thursday 10th October 2024

07:00-15:00	Conference desk opens	
07:15-08:15	NMD Board Meeting 📍 Club E (separate registration required)	
08:15-09:15	Industry Symposium 7 📍 South Hall 1	Industry Symposium 8 📍 South Hall 2
09:30-11:00	Topic 2: NMD around the world 📍 Congress Hall <i>Moderators:</i>	

	<p>Panellists:</p> <p>INV05 Pedro M Rodriguez Cruz, Centro Nacional de Análisis Genómico (CNAG), Spain</p> <p>INV06 Soledad Monges, Hospital de Pediatría J.P. Garrahan, Argentina</p> <p>INV07 Vishnu V Y, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India</p> <p>INV08 Jeanine Heckmann, University of Cape Town, South Africa</p>	
11:00-11:30	Morning refreshments, exhibition and posters 📍 Congress Hall Foyer, Forum Hall and Forum Foyer	
11:30-13:30	<p>Topic 2: NMD around the world</p> <p>📍 Congress Hall</p> <p>Moderators: :</p> <p>11:30-11:45 ○</p> <p>11:45-12:00 ○</p> <p>12:00-12:15 ○</p> <p>12:15-12:30 ○</p> <p>12:30-12:45 ○</p> <p>12:45-13:00 ○</p> <p>13:00-13:15 ○</p> <p>13:15-13:30 ○</p>	
13:30-14:45	Lunch, exhibition and posters 📍 Congress Hall Foyer, Forum Hall and Forum Foyer	
13:45-14:45	Early Career Members Session - Engagement with industry 📍 Zoom Room, 1st floor (separate registration required)	
15:00-17:30	Poster viewing / Group Activity (separate registration required)	
17:30-20:00	Group Activity Networking Reception 📍 Kaiserstein Palace (separate registration required)	

Friday 11th October 2024

06:45-18:00	Registration desk opens
07:30-08:30	Interesting Case Discussions 📍 South Hall 1
08:30-08:45	Comfort break

08:45-10:15	<p>Topic 3: RNA in NMD: clinical insights, pathomechanisms and treatments 📍 Congress Hall Moderators:</p> <p>08:45-09:15 INV09 An overview of the RNA pathomechanisms in neuromuscular diseases, <i>Maurice Swanson, University of Florida College of Medicine, United States of America</i></p> <p>09:15-09:45 INV10 Clinical and diagnostic utility of RNA/transcriptome: An overview of role of RNA in disease gene discovery and diagnostics <i>Grace Yoon, the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada</i></p> <p>09:45-10:00 O</p> <p>10:00-10:15 O</p>		
10:15-10:45	<p>Morning refreshments, exhibition and posters 📍 Congress Hall Foyer, Forum Hall and Forum Foyer</p>		
10:45-12:15	<p>Topic 3: RNA in NMD: clinical insights, pathomechanisms and treatments 📍 Congress Hall Moderators:</p> <p>10:45-11:15 INV11 RNA as biomarkers in neuromuscular diseases, including monitoring progression, in clinical trial design, as outcomes <i>Pietro Spitali, Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands</i></p> <p>11:15-11:45 INV12 RNA therapeutics in neuromuscular diseases, including new developments, and challenges <i>Virginia Arechavala-Gomez, Biobizkaia Health Research Institute, Spain</i></p> <p>11:45-12:00 O</p> <p>12:00-12:15 O</p>		
12:30-13:30	<p>WMS General Assembly / Poster viewing for non-members 📍 South Hall 2</p>		
13:00-14:00	<p>Lunch, exhibition and posters 📍 Congress Hall Foyer, Forum Hall and Forum Foyer</p>		
13:45-14:15	<p>Sponsor Meeting 📍 South Boardroom 2</p>		
14:15-15:15	<p>Poster session 3 📍 Forum Hall</p>		
15:15-15:45	<p>Short Oral Presentations 7 📍 North Hall</p>	<p>Short Oral Presentations 8 📍 Terrace 2A</p>	<p>Short Oral Presentations 9 📍 Terrace 2B</p>
15:45-16:45	<p>Poster session 4 📍 Forum Hall</p>		
16:45-17:15	<p>Short Oral Presentations 10 📍 North Hall</p>	<p>Short Oral Presentations 11 📍 Terrace 2A</p>	<p>Short Oral Presentations 12 📍 Terrace 2B</p>
19:15-01:00	<p>Networking Dinner 📍 Municipal House (separate registration required)</p>		

Saturday 12th October 2024

08:30	Conference desk opens
07:45-08:45	Clinical Trial Updates 📍 Congress Hall
08:45-09:00	Comfort Break
09:00-09:30	Victor Dubowitz Lecture 📍 Congress Hall <i>Moderators:</i> INV13 Gene replacement therapy approaches for genetic neuromuscular diseases, <i>Jeffrey S. Chamberlain, University of Washington School of Medicine, United States of America</i>
09:30-11:00	Poster Highlights <i>Moderators:</i> 09:30- 09:45 ○ 09:45-10:00 ○ 10:00-10:15 ○ 10:15-10:30 ○ 10:30-10:45 ○ 10:45-11:00 ○
11:00-11:30	Morning refreshments, exhibition and posters
11:30-13:30	Late Breaking News 📍 Congress Hall <i>Moderators:</i> 11:30-11:45 ○ 11:45-12:00 ○ 12:00-12:15 ○ 12:15-12:30 ○ 12:30- 12:45 ○ 12:45-13:00 ○ Prize Giving Ceremony <i>Moderators:</i> Introduction to the WMS 2025 Congress, Vienna, Austria Handover of the WMS flag and close of Congress <i>Moderators: Volker Straub</i>
13:30-14:30	Homeward lunch